(iii) Upgardation of posts of the 'Packing Cleaners' in the higher scale.

Managing Committee of the Super Bazar has always been very sympathetic to legitimate demands of the employees and holding meeting with the representatives of the employees.

[*Translation*]

Time Given for National and International News in Regional News Bulletin

5714. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government in regard to allotment of time for national and international news out of the time fixed for regional news bulletins of States on Doordarshan;

(b) whether out of the 15 minutes time about 10 minutes are taken by non-local news and the same news are repeated again in the evening news telecast in National Bulletin at 8.40 p.m.; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to give importance to regional news by removing this anomaly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). No fixed time has been allocated for National, International and Regional news in the news bulletins telecast from the Regional Kendras of Doordarshan. While local news items are given prominence in these news bulletins, it is considered necessary to include important national international news items in order to meet the requirements of viewers who understand only the local language.

[*English*]

Loans to SC/ST Under NREP

5715. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bank employees and other middlemen while sanctioning loans to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections under NREP have committed some irregularities in Coastal districts and Warangal and Kareemnagar districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government conducted any enquiry into the matter against the erring persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a). Union Government have not received any information regarding irregularities by Bank employees and other middlemen while sanctioning loans to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Weaker Sections in Coastal Districts and Warangal and Kareemnagar Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Edible oil Extraction unit

5716. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an edible oil extraction unit in Chithara oil palm estate area near Punalur in Kerala; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of palm oil extraction